Production of Power from Garbage to meet the power requirement of Capital

577. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state why Government have failed to effectively tap non-conventional power sources like garbage, etc. to overcome the problem of power shortage in the capital, in view of the frequenat failure of the Northern Power Grid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): The Government of India in the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is promoting the generation of power from non-conventional energy sources including power from Garbage etc. Garbage available in the Capital can be used to generate power and meet the electricity requirement to some extent. The Govt. of Delhi have been persuaded to take up such projects at the earliest. However, no such proposal has been received so far from the Govt. of Delhi.

Rise in the General Temperature of Atlantic Ocean

578. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest reports that due to global warming, the general temperature of Atlantic Ocean has risen by one degree;

(b) if so, what effect it would have on the Indian Ocean;

(c) whether Government are studying its effect on the ocean resources in our continental shelf and the territorial waters; and

(d) if so, what are the plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SCHIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) According to the report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 1995, for most part of Atlantic Ocean and sea surface temperature has warmed up by 0.25°C over the period 1955 to 1994. Some stretches of North Atlantic between latitudes 40°N and 70°N have also shown a cooling trend. The contrasting anomalies of North and South Atlantic sea surface temperature, it seems, play a major role with the warming trends of sea surface temperature of the Indian Ocean. However many factors like proper estimates of emission of green-house gases, biogeochemical cycling, hydrological cycles, radiative property of clouds etc. limit ability to project and determine future ocean climate.

(c) and (d) Accoarding to the report referred to above, the exact effects of the change in the climate on the ocean resources are still not fully understood. The present emphasis of government of India is to take up the studies on the dynamics of the regional climate by initiating programmes on sea surface temperature, sea level changes, ocean observations, ocean-atmosphere modelling etc. in the 9th Plan.

सरकारी कर्मचारियों को राजनीतिक गतिविधियों में भाग लेने की अनुमति

579. श्री शिव चरण सिंह:
श्री गोविन्दराव मिरी:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार अपने कर्मचारियों को चुनाव लड़ने और अन्य राजनीतिक गतिविधियों में भाग लेने की अनुमति देने की व्यवहार्यता पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण है?

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